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TOPIC Influx of Soviet Troops into Soviet Zone of GermanyEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 18 November 1949REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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an estimated 120,000 to 280,000 Soviet troops and large quantities of war material entered the Soviet Zone of Germany from Poland through KUESTRIN and FRANKFURT/Oder during the latter part of July and in August 1949.

b. Higher headquarters consider it possible that these troops may have appeared in the maneuver areas of LIEBEROSE, WITTSTOCK and TEMPLIN.

2. a. The information is not considered credible, according to available information on west-bound Soviet military shipping traffic across the Oder River and the over-all OB situation and its development from July to October 1949.

b. There is reason to believe that no complete Soviet units (such as divisions) were moved from the Soviet Union or any Soviet-occupied European country to the Soviet Zone of Germany during the summer and fall months of 1949 (including October).

c. It is believed, however, that Soviet forces in the Soviet Zone of Germany were reinforced in the late summer of 1949. An estimated 30,000 recruits, presumably inducted in the Soviet Union in the late spring of 1949, arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany in August and September 1949. This figure is estimated from a comparison of the numbers of recruits reported from Soviet military posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany with the numbers of troops observed on trains arriving from the Soviet Union. While about 30,000 recruits arrived from the Soviet Union, about 15,000 troops were reported to have crossed the Oder River on SU-bound trains between mid-July and late September 1949

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It is believed that the balance of about 15,000 troops (?), resulting from these estimated figures, were primarily distributed to the two cadre armies ([REDACTED])

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d. It was not observed that the incoming supply shipments of materiel destined for the Soviet forces in the Soviet Zone of Germany exceeded the usual level during recent months

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[REDACTED] the Soviet military shipments crossing the Oder-Neisse River line, the influx of such a large number of troops as reported 120,000 to 280,000, would have been discovered [REDACTED]

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